

The City of Marion, South Carolina

SWAMP FOX SCENE



A FREE monthly news magazine for the citizens and visitors of the Swamp Fox City

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SUMMER TIME FUN!

The City of Marion will host a **FREE** Community Summer Camp beginning June 11, 2018 for children who reside in the City of Marion. The Camp will be both academic and fun oriented, with numerous activities for the kids. The Camp Director will be Ms. Ellen Baldwin.



The Camp will operate June 11, 2018 through August 12, 2018. Camps hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.– 1:30 p.m.

(Ages 6-12)

Parents are encouraged to pick up an application form, fill out, and return as quickly as possible.

Ainsley Sanders, Administrative Assistant- City Hall (843) 423-5961

We are looking forward to an exciting summer! Hope to see your kids there!!!

Mayor Ashley Brady



Graduates Of 2018



You've worked hard. You are now one step closer to your dream. You will soon reap the fruits of your hard work. Graduation is an exciting time in

your life. Seize all opportunities that open up to you and make the most of each of them. Life is to be lived and explored! Know that you can achieve whatever you want in life. All you have to do is believe that you can. Chase your dreams, burst out at the seams, never stop trying, and never stop learning. Live life to the fullest! Give it nothing but your best. You will make mistakes and be wounded many times in your life. Don't give in, it's just an experience. Wishing you find your own star and reach for it!

Congratulations 2018 Graduates! We hope that this is just the beginning of many new titles you will acquire throughout your life.

Mayor Ashley Brady, Marion City Council and City Administrator Alan Ammons.

NO TIRES OR TELEVISIONS ON CURBSIDE



The City takes pride in keeping Historical Marion looking beautiful. With spring comes warmer weather and the grass-cutting season is quickly approaching. There are City Ordinances for over grown and vacant lots. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact City Hall at (843) 423-5961. In case you didn't know, **tires** or **televisions** placed curbside in the City of Marion are considered litter by City Ordinance. For health and safety reasons and in accordance with DHEC regulations, city employees no longer pick up **tires** or **televisions** at curbside. The fine for littering is **\$1,092.50**. Homeowners are to dispose of unwanted tires and televisions at the **Palmetto Hardwood Recycle Center** located at **2631 Senator Gasque Rd**,

Marion SC. Call the **Palmetto Hardwood Recycle Center** at **(843) 423-8284** for hours of operation. If you have any questions about this reminder, please call the City Administrator at Marion City Hall, (843) 423-5961. Property owners in the Historic District, please be aware of the zoning ordinances and guidelines that are in place before any changes are made to historic properties. If you have any questions, please contact City Hall at (843) 423-5961.



Membership Campaign

It is Membership May here at HMRA! What does that mean? It is time to renew your status as a member either online or in the office. We have been working hard to outline the benefits of joining HMRA at different levels and we are pleased to get that information to you.

Historic Marion Revitalization Association wants your support! Join HMRA as a member and enjoy benefits such as discounted admission to our events, monthly Rise and Shine meetings with breakfast provided, free set up at craft fairs, and more! Businesses who join have access to our billboard and Facade Improvement Grant programs, as well as Business Spotlight highlights, free admission to events, and additional benefits in the works. Your membership helps us to streamline efforts to improve our Main Street and market our town to bring in visitors and tourists to our area. When you invest in where you live, everyone benefits! Call Stephanie to sign up today at (843) 423-9918.

Yard Sale Permits



With all the great weather, yard sales will be popping up all over town. Remember to purchase your permit (**\$5 per day at City Hall Monday thru 12:00 noon Thursday**). **YARD SALE PERMITS WILL NOT BE ISSUED AFTER 12:00 ON THURSDAY.** **"ABSOLUTELY" no Yard sale permits are issued on Fridays.**

If you have any questions please contact the Administrative Assistant, Ainsley Sanders at (843) 423-5961.

Marion Chamber of Commerce announces Yard of the Month



Ellen Simmons of 719 S. Main Street has been awarded the Marion Chamber of Commerce Yard of the Month for May 2018. The Chamber is proud to recognize those in our community that work so diligently, and add so much to our community's unique character. Ms. Simmons will receive a Marion Chamber of Commerce Chamber Check in recognition of this honor.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 1st-8th

Marion County Library will begin summer reading sign-ups. The program will feature at least one program a day for the entirety of the summer and five performers! Our June performers are Scooter the Rapper, Storyteller Jess Willis, and Science Tellers! Performances will start on June 15th and run every Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the Marion Opera House.

June 6th

8:30 a.m.- **Rise and Shine** - TBD

June 11th

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m,
City Pool will reopened. The Pool is also available for rent. Please contact the Marion Recreation Department for pricing, (843) 423-5410.

June 11th

8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. - **Summer Camp Begins**. Grice's Recreation Center.

June 12th

6:30 p.m. **City Council Meeting**, Council Chambers, 107 S. Main St.

June 12th

Election Day. Remember every vote makes a difference!!

June 22nd

The Marion Recreation Department will be hosting a Dixie Youth Baseball District Tournament. For more information, please contact Marion Recreation Department at (843) 423-5410.

The Swamp Fox Scene is the City of Marion's Free monthly newspaper for citizens and visitor's of the Swamp Fox City, Marion, South Carolina. Printed by Herald Multifarms in Dillon, city employees produce and distribute the newspaper.

The Marion Chamber and HMRA help pay printing costs.

A PDF version is available by e-mail or online. For more information about the newspaper, call Mayor Ashley Brady or City Administrator Alan Ammons at (843) 423-5961.

CITY OF MARION PUBLIC NOTICE

2018-2019 BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS ARE NOW DUE

Section 1 of the Business and Professional License Ordinance for the City of Marion, South Carolina requires every person engaged in any calling, business, occupation or profession within the limits of the City of Marion to renew the annual Business License fee and obtain a license.

The City of Marion Business License Renewal Applications have been mailed out the week of May 21, 2018. Current Business Licenses expire on June 30, 2018. To obtain a 2018-2019 Business License, a completed renewal application and/or remittance must be received in the City of Marion Business License Department by July 31, 2018 to avoid a penalty. Penalties for late payment will be assessed on August 1, 2018, and will increase each month thereafter.

FAILURE TO RECEIVE A RENEWAL NOTICE DOES NOT RELIEVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LICENSEE FROM OBTAINING A BUSINESS LICENSE. If you have any questions please contact Ainsley Sanders in the Building Official Office at 843-423-5961.

To all of Marion Community, you are always welcome to get a hot meal every Monday from 11-12 at the Marion Baptist Soup Kitchen. There is no cost to come to this.

Congressman Tom Rice



Congressman Rice and officials from Marion County met on May 1, 2018 to answer questions about opportunity zones. Congressman Rice discussed how opportunity zones, along

with the Dillon Inland Port and I-73, will help lift up the community!

Bishop Michael Blue and Congressman Rice talked about how to make Community Leaders aware of the Inland Port and its benefit to Marion County. Congressman Rice stated that he would love to help coordinate the effort.

Jacolgan Mack city's employee of the Month



PFC Jacolgan Mack was selected as the April 2018 Employee of the Month. PFC Mack was born and raised in Marion and says that he chose to be in law enforcement so he could be directly involved with, protecting, serving and to give back to the community. Prior to coming on board with the City of Marion, he worked in retail. Patrolman Mack attended Charleston Southern University, where he majored in Criminal

Justice with a minor in Engineering. He is a selfless person, eager to assist in any way he can, and his outgoing personality makes him a pleasure to be around. He takes great pride in his work and is willing to do anything asked of him. He is a tremendous asset to the police department.

Mayor Ashley Brady and City Council recognized PFC Jacolgan Mack for his service and dedication to the City of Marion at the May 8th Council Meeting.

A-TEAM NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

“We Are Our Neighbors’ Keepers”
Contributed by: Dolly Boyer

Happy Spring from A-Team. The warm weather and longer days are a clear sign that school will be out soon. Please watch out for kids on bikes and playing. Also watch out for adults taking advantage of the longer daylight hours as well. Of course, vacation time will be just around the corner. I think most of us feel a little concern when leaving our house vacant so I thought I would share tips to keep your home safe while you are away.

- 1) Ask a friend to keep an eye on your home. He or she should come by at least once a day. They can water your plants and bring in the mail. If your car isn't inside a garage, make sure to leave a key in case the car needs to be moved. Also make sure this person has your contact info and itinerary in case of an emergency.
- 2) Do not make mention of your time away on social media, your voice mail or answering machine.
- 3) Speak to the police about your plans so they can pay special attention while on patrol.
- 4) Leave drapes and blinds as you usually would. If they are left open, be sure to move televisions, computers, etc out of sight.
- 5) Do not leave any lights on constantly. Purchase a couple of timers for lamps instead.
- 6) Stop your mail if you have not made arrangements to have a friend take it in. Stop newspaper delivery.
- 7) Unplug your televisions, computers and other electronics and appliances. This will protect them from power surges.
- 8) Remove any keys you have hidden outside.

The City still needs help identifying street lights that are out. Please, help the city be safer by reporting any lights that are out to City Hall @ 843-423-5961.

Main Street Hero



A HUGE congrats and THANK YOU to Jamon Jordan for his love of this town. Jamon is HMRA's 2018 Main Street Hero because of his endless work to better our town and willingness to help out when times get rough. He was out and about working tirelessly with his equipment to clear roads directly after hurricane Matthew. It is that dedication and perseverance that made Jamon the obvious choice as our Main Street Hero! Thank you Jamon & family!

Helping Hands Free Medical Clinic is seeking compassionate and active professionals to join in providing quality healthcare services for the residents of Marion County. For more information email, thodge@hhfmc.net or (843) 423-5212

Helping Hands Free Medical Clinic will have Appreciation Day on June 23, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 320 S. Main Street Mullins, SC. For more information please call (843) 423-5212 or (843) 464-8750.

A DOSE OF PREVENTION: Rx Drug Take Back Day in Marion County

On Saturday, April 28, Trinity Behavioral Care, Sheriff Brian Wallace, Senator Kent Williams, Representative Lucas Atkinson, and Marion County Drug Enforcement Agents gave the public an opportunity to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs.



This initiative addressed a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's National Survey on Drug Use and Health shows year after year that the majority of misused and abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including someone else's medication being stolen from the home medicine cabinet. In addition, Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

During the Rx Drug Take Back Day for Marion County in April, we took in **35-40 pounds** of prescription drugs. However, at ANY TIME, Marion County residents can take their old or unused medications to the Rx Drug Drop Box located inside the Marion County Sheriff's Department. For more information about the proper storage and disposal of prescription drugs, contact Shelley Marsh, Prevention Specialist for Trinity Behavioral Care, at 843-423-8292 ext. 312 or at smarsh@trinitybehavioralcare.org.

Marion Fire Department will be teaching CPR classes on June 20, 2018 starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Marion Fire Department.

For more information and to registered, please contact Chief Trey Cooper at (843) 423-8602 or email tcooper@marionsc.gov.

Mark your calendars!!

Learn **Lifesaving Skills** from the Experts.

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: Rosewood Manor

Written by Promotions Team of Historic Marion Revitalization Association

Escape to an era of grandeur at Rosewood Manor House, [900 N. Main St., Marion, SC](http://www.rosewoodmanor.com). Offering full-service, 5 star, luxury bed-and-breakfast accommodations; wedding and social event venue. Elegant weddings from 12 to 250 guests, intimate five course dinner parties, rehearsal dinners, birthday parties, bridal and baby showers, corporate meetings, cocktail parties and buffets.

RMH is the most prestigious, luxury events center in Marion County. Completely restored and designed by owners, Dr. Gary W Mckee, and John H Cunningham, the Manor offers 5 eloquently appointed guest rooms complete with private baths, luxury bedding, fresh flowers, wi-fi,



cable TV, complementary wine and cheese upon arrival, and a hot three-course gourmet breakfast served southern style on china, crystal and sterling! During your stay, the entire home is open for your use and pleasure. Relax in each room with a beverage of your choice and enjoy the world-class antique and art collection curated by the owners. The manor house was completed in 1895 by William Stackhouse, the director of the seaboard railway. Mr. Stackhouse desired to build the grandest home to be viewed from the trains passing through the town. No expense was spared during construction of the red brick, 9000 sq. ft. estate. Complete with extravagant wood moldings, inlaid hardwood floors of tiger oak, walnut, and mahogany, 72" windows, 10 majestic mantles, and 4 massive 30 foot Scamozzi Ionic columns—the same that appear on the White House! The hand cut, limestone grand stairs to the front entrance came from the same New Bedford, Indiana quarry that the Biltmore House in Asheville, NC was constructed of. An iconic Marion landmark and boutique inn; this historic setting, magnificent architectural details, and period decor mixes with gracious southern hospitality and luxurious amenities. To plan your weekend escape, wedding or social event, contact Rosewood Manor House today: 336-312-9260.

BASEBALL / SOFTBALL 2018

As we start to wind down our 2018 Baseball / Softball season, our young boys and girls are now preparing for our District Tournaments for Dixie Youth Baseball, Dixie Boys Baseball, and Dixie Softball. The Marion Recreation Department will be hosting a Dixie Youth Baseball District Tournament beginning June 22, 2018. Our AAA (9-10 boys) will be participating in this tournament.

Below is the current schedule for all of our upcoming district tournaments in which our teams will be participating in.

SOFTBALL

Dixie Darlings (7-8 girls):	Green Sea Floyds	June 15
Dixie Angels (9-10 girls):	Conway	June 15
Dixie Ponytails (11-12 girls):	Latta	June 16
Dixie Belles (13-15 girls):	Georgetown	June 20

BASEBALL

Dixie Youth AA (7-8 boys):	Dillon	June 15
Dixie Youth AAA (9-10 boys):	Marion	June 22
Dixie Youth Majors (11-12 boys):	Florence	June 22

Please come out and support these children...

The City of Marion Recreation Department is on Facebook and online. For information and updates on games scheduling, cancellation and pictures. Visit the www.marionsc.gov web site. Find us under "Department" and then click on "Recreation". To Find us on Facebook, visit **Marion Recreation Department!**

NEED HELP?

Call City Hall, **843-423-5961**, unless otherwise noted, and one of the following will be able to help you.

Mayor Ashley Brady, (843) 992-3773
Alan Ammons, City Administrator & Building Official, Ext. 19
Vacant, City Clerk, Ext. 10
Patricia Brown, City Treasurer, Ext. 18
Ainsley Sanders, Administrative Assistant, Ext. 11
Elizabeth Gray, Personnel & Purchasing Director, (843) 423-8614
Vickie J. Nichols, Grant Writing & Publicist, Ext. 22
Kim Elliott, Recreation Director, (843) 423-5410
Randy Brown, Maintenance Superintendent (843) 423-5961
Winky Fore, Public Works Superintendent (843) 423-8648
Chris Smith, Captain (843) 423-8616
Lt. Tony Flowers, Investigator (843) 423-8616
Lt. Marilyn Rogers, Investigator (843) 423-8616
Trey Cooper, Fire Chief, (843) 423-8602
Jackie Yates, Assistant Fire Chief (843) 423-8602
Heather Evans, Municipal Court Clerk, (843) 423-8616
Almeta Mullins, Secretary, (843) 423-8616

City's Playgrounds

The following City of Marion playgrounds provide free fun and are open to the public:

Withlacoochee Park

Withlacoochee Ave - This park has a walking track and playground equipment. This site holds Marion's Tennis Courts.

Grice's Recreation Center

603 Gurley Street - The playground has been updated with new playground equipment. This site also has a basketball court behind the center and is near the walking track.

Tilghman Park

409 Montgomery Street - This location has slides, hobby horses, swings and a merry-go-round.

Visit the City of Marion online at www.marionsc.gov and on Facebook under City of Marion, South Carolina.

Senior Bingo

We offer Senior Bingo the on first & third Thursday of each month from 8:30 a.m. –9:30 a.m. at Watsonia Recreation. Bingo is **FREE** of charge and we welcome newcomers to come join in on the fun. We offer prizes for the winners and refreshments for you to enjoy while playing. We do have a 2 card playing limit. Come check us out and bring some friends to join in.

Ping Pong Club

Don't forget that Marion Recreation holds a Ping Pong Club every Monday & Wednesday from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. You can come by on one of these days and freshen up on your ping pong skills, watch some games or learn how to play. For details, call 423-5410.

Senior Aerobics at Watsonia Center

Senior Aerobics has resumed and there are still some spots for newcomers. Classes are on Monday and Thursday, from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. The instructor is Mrs. Anna Boatwright. All classes are FREE, but donations are appreciated to help defer cost of the class. If you haven't participated before, please come out and register at the Marion Recreation Department.

Aerobics at CD Joyner

Aerobics classes are offered Monday thru Friday evening, from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. at CD Joyner. Taught by Ms. Lillie Ann Sanders, the classes are \$30 per month. For information or details, call Recreation Department at 423-5410.

POOL

The Pool is official open. Come and enjoyed the pool. Certified Lifeguards on duty at all times. Pools hour are Monday – Friday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m. -6:00 p.m. Price is only \$1.00. Pool is closed on Thursday and Friday morning **ONLY** from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for **summer camp students only**.

The Pool is also available for rent. Please contact the Marion Recreation Department for pricing, (843) 423-5410.

City rentals available

Need a place to have your class reunion, family reunion, church social, or to have a party? We have the perfect location for you. For an indoor venue, we have Watsonia, Grice's, Shannon Wilkes Recreation Center, fine arts center. For outdoor event we have Pop Dorsey Park with a picnic shelter. Anyone interested in these locations for their events should call Pansy Brown, 423-5410 for availability.

Check us out online!

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